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The Honorable F. Edward Hebert  
Chairman, House Armed Services  
Committee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

In line with Jack Maury's recent discussions with you and the  
Committee staff, I am forwarding herewith some information on  
certain Soviet naval matters for inclusion in the Committee's records.  
I trust this material will be responsive to some questions raised by  
Representative Aspin in his letter to me of 7 March.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Richard Helms  
Director

Enclosures

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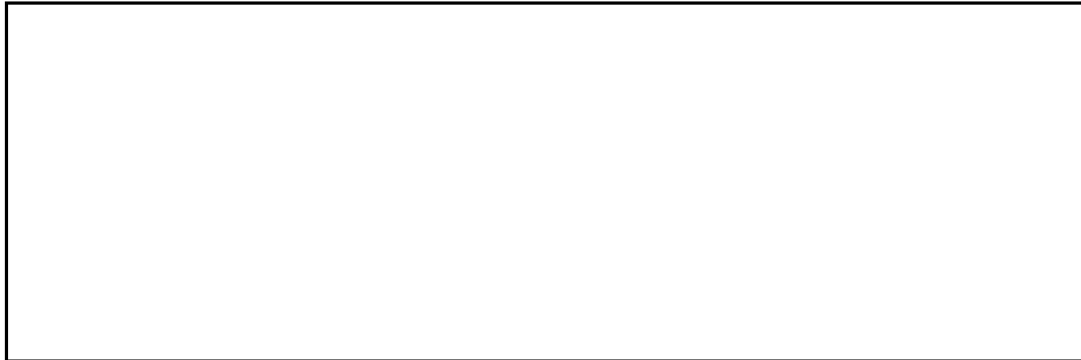
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Data on Soviet Naval Forces

1. The attached tables provide basic data on Soviet naval forces, expenditures, and manpower that reflect Soviet naval policy over the past decade. If these data are to be used for comparative purposes, footnotes to the tables must be taken into account.

2. Table 1 shows the current composition of the Soviet surface and submarine forces. Tables 2 and 3 give estimated expenditures for naval shipbuilding, and Table 4 shows the percentages of total defense expenditures allocated to naval forces. Table 5 gives estimates of Soviet naval manpower.



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Table 1

SOVIET NAVAL FORCES

By Category and Class of Vessel a/\*

As of 1 January 1972

Helicopter Cruisers

Moskva (SAM) b/	2
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Guided Missile Cruisers

Kresta II	(SAM, SSM) b/ c/	3
Kresta I	(SAM, SSM) c/	4
Kynda	(SAM, SSM) c/	4
Sverdlov	(SAM)	3 d/

Other Cruisers

Sverdlov	8
Chapaev	2
Kirov	2

Guided Missile Frigates

Kashin	(SAM)	18
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Guided Missile Destroyers

Krivak	(SAM, SSM)	2
Kanin	(SAM) e/	4
Krupnyy	(SSM)	4
Kildin	(SSM)	4
Kotlin	(SAM)	7

Other Destroyers

Kotlin	16
Tallinn	1
Skoryy	25

Ocean Escorts

Mirka	20
Petya	47
Riga	40
Kola	5

\* Footnotes on page 4.

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Table 1 (Cont.)

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By Category and Class of Vessel a/

Minor Combatants

Guided missile patrol craft	160
Submarine chasers & patrol craft (over 200 tons)	262
Patrol boats (under 200 tons)	393
Mine warfare craft (over 200 tons)	296
Mine warfare craft (under 200 tons)	100

Amphibious Warfare Forces

Amphibious warfare ships (over 600 tons) f/	97
Amphibious warfare craft (200-600 tons)	125
Amphibious warfare craft (under 200 tons)	350

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Table 1 (Cont.)

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By Category and Class of Vessel

FOOTNOTES

- a/ *The newest classes of ships are listed first within each category*
- b/ *SAM = surface-to-air missile  
SSM = surface-to-surface missile*
- c/ *The Kresta and Kynda classes are commonly identified as light cruisers because of their surface-to-surface missiles, but they are about the same size as a US guided missile frigate. They are less than half the size of a US light cruiser.*
- d/ *One Sverdlov is known to have SAMs, and two Sverdlovs recently reactivated probably had SAMs added during overhaul and modernization.*
- e/ *The Kanin class is a conversion of the Krupnyy class.*
- f/ *These ships are not in the same class with the large amphibious warfare ships built by the US. Most of the Soviet ships displace less than 1,000 tons, and the largest of them is less than half the size of many US amphibious warfare ships.*

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Table 2 †

Dollar Valuation of Soviet Naval Shipbuilding Expenditures a/  
1960-1971

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	Billion 1970 Dollars			
									<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Major Surface Combatants	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7
Minor Surface Combatants	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Submarines	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.9
Total <u>b/</u>	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.9

a/ Dollar figures represent what it would cost to procure these ships and boats in the US. No outlays for nuclear weapons or the missile systems carried on many of these ships and boats are included in these estimates.

b/ Includes shipbuilding expenditures for amphibious warfare craft, which are shown on the following table. Because of rounding, components may not add to the totals shown.

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Table 3

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Dollar Valuation of  
Soviet Naval Shipbuilding Expenditures By Category<sup>a/</sup>  
1960-1971

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	Million 1970 Dollars			
	1968	1969	1970	1971								
Helicopter Cruisers	-	-	-	-	-	79	79	160	78	81	-	-
Guided Missile Cruisers	5	-	81	71	71	126	151	144	155	143	227	365
Other Cruisers <u>b/</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guided Missile Frigates	-	50	94	130	216	260	216	173	130	87	87	87
Guided Missile Destroyers	243	132	-	-	-	-	16	22	38	84	174	285
Other Destroyers <u>b/</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Escorts	-	142	126	58	70	112	155	140	56	42	42	-
Guided Missile Patrol Craft	84	110	66	56	53	49	45	43	27	27	30	28
Submarine Chasers & Patrol Craft (over 200 tons)	58	35	70	77	62	56	56	86	72	29	52	50
Patrol Boats (under 200 tons)	26	-	-	-	23	27	16	38	47	45	45	40
Mine Warfare Craft (over 200 tons)	65	40	62	53	55	64	55	67	78	84	84	67
Mine Warfare Craft (under 200 tons)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amphibious Warfare Ships (over 600 tons)	30	9	-	4	8	5	11	30	26	26	22	17
Amphibious Warfare Craft (200-600 tons)	4	8	1	1	1	1	2	6	3	1	3	3
Amphibious Warfare Craft (under 200 tons) <u>b/</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ballistic Missile Sub- marines	588	268	-	13	13	123	122	472	934	1153	1350	1319
Cruise Missile Submarines	436	696	1056	1067	996	810	568	395	331	276	316	309
Torpedo Attack Submarines	466	544	458	346	323	330	307	298	330	370	332	315

<sup>a/</sup> Dollar figures represent what it would cost to procure these ships and boats in the U.S. No outlays for nuclear weapons or the missile systems carried on many of these ships and boats are included in these estimates.

<sup>b/</sup> Ships and boats of these classes were all built prior to 1960.

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Table 4

Naval Forces Spending as a Share  
of Total Defense Expenditures  
1960-1971

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Percentage of Total Soviet Defense Ex- penditures Devoted to Naval Forces	13	12	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	13	12	12

Note: The percentages are derived from ruble figures to show the impact of naval force expenditures on the total defense budget as seen by Soviet planners.

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